

OUR 24TH YEAR IN VINITA

AND OUR GREATEST DESIRE is to please the thousands of people who patronize our store, and to this end we are remodeling the interior of the store to accommodate the immense stock which has now mostly arrived.

This is our 24th year at the present location. We have never assumed the sensational style of advertising like some have, nor are we inclined to do so. We carry at all times one of the most complete stocks of Modern Merchandise to be found in this or any other like sized town and we always give quality commensurate with the price asked. We are in better position this season than usual. Our stock is exceptionally complete. It comprises all the nobby weaves in Dress Goods, white and colors, Fancy Silk Suitings and Waisings. A mammoth variety of White Waists in the most dainty and delicate creations. Also a large variety of China and Wash Silk Waists and all other items pertaining to a modern store. \$22,000.00 worth of Clothing and Gent's Furnishings. A large percent of which is this season's creations, bought since the panic. If you will examine the quality our prices will sell you. At

RATCLIFF'S

TEDDY M'GOVERN BASE BALL MAN

Visits Friend At McAlester While Waiting For a Train

McAlester, March 10.—By a hitch in train connections little "Teddy" McGovern was left in this city over night. He left on the southbound Katy for Marlin, Texas, where he will join the New York Giants, holding the second bag for that aggregation for a part of the season, especially that part where exhibition plays are to be featured.

It will be recalled that "Teddy" in his way was one of the best milled within the ropes, for he battled a number of them to the bottle, among them Tom Dixon, (not the Clansman Tom.) But he met his superior in Corbett and since then has been here and there among the boys giving little time to fighting.

While in the city Terry made a call upon his old friend, L. Hayden, proprietor of the gun store on Choc-tow avenue. Mr. Hayden says "Teddy" was one of the fastest boys in his days, and he is yet a young man.

Mr. Hayden has known him for some years. He says he is known as the Brooklyn kid, for he grew up in the alleys of that city and that he attracted the attention of one Harris, his manager, from the fact that he was always in a row with the urchins about, whipping them every time.

As the New York Giants are scheduled for this city the 13th, McAlester, sports will have an opportunity to see "Teddy" on the diamond, and if there are any local pugilists they might arrange for a bout with the little man.

Mrs. Andy Thompson returned yesterday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Kelley near Big Cabin.

BIG CABIN

Mrs. Cummings and son have moved to Muskogee.

Clude Shepard has moved into one of O. P. Bell's houses.

The little child of W. F. Emerson is very sick.

E. O. Mudd has painted his new building.

The Wilkerson from Six Mile Bend was in town Friday.

Saturday was egg day in Big Cabin. The J. A. Hopkins store bought 700 dozen at 12c per dozen.

The garden makers are looking down hearted today on account of the weather.

The Fraternal aid society will give an oyster supper in the near future.

Charlie Brumby gave a dedication call in his new house Friday night.

Uncle Jack Thomas passed through here yesterday enroute home from Adair.

Don't forget that we have a complete line of John Deer Implements, Wagons and Ruggies, Harness, Hardware, Stoves, Ranges, Barbed Wire and Wire Fencing in stock at all times at our Big Cabin store. FRANK H. HARRIS, Prop. Co. - 2 C. SHEPHERD Mfg.

W. H. Warrenstaff will farm on the John Stillman farm this year.

Our haymen have about shipped out all of their last year crop of hay and are getting in shape for the new

The Woodman of the World erected a nice monument in the Big Cabin cemetery last week and they will have an unveiling in the near future.

AFTON NEWS

Mrs. Don Burris formerly of the Vinita Chieftain came in Tuesday for a visit with her mother.

Miss Ida Beatty of Fairland was visiting here Saturday.

Mrs. S. G. Victor, Miss Lois Victor and Mrs. E. C. Marrs spent Saturday touring Joplin.

J. J. Hubbard transacted business at Joplin Saturday.

S. G. Victor, the newly appointed marshal for the eastern district of Oklahoma made a business trip to Muskogee last week on business connected with his appointment. He will turn his farm over to his nephew, Frank Victor, and will move to Muskogee where he will establish his office.

FAIRLAND ITEMS

J. R. Cansloway representing the Vinita Chieftain was in town Saturday.

J. W. Chandler was very sick at his home north of town last week but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Freeman Nidder who is very sick is considered in a very dangerous condition.

Ab Harlan of Denmark was in town trading with our merchants Saturday.

Mrs. L. D. Flint of Ogechee is very sick.

A box supper and entertainment was held at Aurora last Friday evening.

Wm. Randall of Miami was mixing among friends in Fairland Saturday.

Inman Tanner was in town Saturday taking Mexico to our people.

The many friends of Miss Allie Garrett will be pleased that the operation performed on her last week in the hospital at St. Louis, was successful and her early recovery is assured.

The voice of the road overwer is now heard in the land and everybody must listen to it echo. Get out and work the road.

The frog croaketh; the bluebird singeth; the grass sprouteth; the boy longeth to go barefoot; the fish breatheth; the "rate" is being planted, and so everything indicateth spring is near.

Fairland, Mo. 9

Itake Corrected

Correct the mistake of risking pneumonia by neglecting a cough or cold when Foley's Honey and Tar will not only stop your cough but expel the cold from your system. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates and is the best and safest throat and lung remedy on the market. Sold by all druggists.

A Night Alarm

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the metallic cough of croup bringing dread to the household. Careful mothers keep Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and give it at the first sign of danger. Foley's Honey and Tar has saved many little lives and it is the only safe preparation for children as it contains no harmful drugs. Sold by all druggists.

Lige Henderson and wife left on the noon train for Sulphur to visit her parents for a few days.

READS ALMOST LIKE FICTION

True Story of a Girl Who Dressed As a Man and Taught School in Indian Territory

Fifteen or twenty years ago the Cherokee Nation was considered a safe hiding place for those who wanted for various reasons to keep their identity hid. In fact it really was to a certain extent a safe hiding place, isolated as it was at that time. Many persons sought its confines. It became, as it were, a "city of refuge" for every class of criminals on the face of the earth and for this cause and on account of the presence of this criminal class of refugees the Indian Territory was considered a hot bed of outlaws. One individual, who attempted for a time to hide here, developed a very interesting bit of romantic history. On the roll of the "Cherokee Teachers Institute" held at Tahlequah in the year of 1884 there appeared the name of J. R. Huertas. This person came before the board at that time and applied for the position of teacher in the public schools. Apparently about 18 years of age, dressed in the most faultless of male attire, and showing a high degree of culture and refinement, the teachers in attendance soon became attracted toward this individual and the effeminate build and general appearance of the person was the occasion of much comment. Dark almost as an Indian, but showing unmistakable characteristics of Spanish descent; this, combined with a reserve on the part of the persons made the identity of the individual a much remarked question. Upon examination no one of the one hundred or more teachers in attendance secured a better grade and upon the assignment of teachers for the fall term J. R. Huertas was assigned by the board of education to a school in Illinois district, not far from Fort Gibson. Suspicion grew stronger in the matter and it became a subject of much talk, many asserting that there was no question but what the person claiming to be a man was nothing less than a woman masquerading in male clothing. But how to determine the truth of the matter was a question, the Cherokee law having no jurisdiction over a non-citizen. Finally the matter was brought to the attention of the military commander, then stationed at Fort Gibson, who, on general suspicion, had the party arrested, and it was found true that the person was indeed a female.

She was held by the military authorities pending further investigation. The woman at once communicated with her father living on the island of Cuba, who instructed the authorities to hold the girl until his arrival. He came to Fort Gibson and his explanation of the affair proving satisfactory to those having the woman in charge, she was released from custody and allowed to accompany her father home. It seemed that the family of which she was a member was one of the richest and most influential families of Cuba. There was a large estate coming to the first male heir of a certain line. This estate was located in Spain. The sex of this child had been carefully concealed from infancy, and upon reaching school age she was sent to the United States to be educated in a private school. Upon matriculation she was sent to the Indian Territory as the most likely place to hide her identity until her majority, when she was to be produced as the claimant for the estate in question. What the sequel to this romantic, but true story was, the writer is unable to say, but it is presumed that after leaving here the deception was no doubt continued. The story which might be woven from this chapter from real life would trench on the fields of fiction and would require the brain of a greater novelist than the writer possesses.

J. W. CHANDLER.

A Swollen Jaw

Is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident, Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. This great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, sprains—and all such sore and pains. Peoples drug store.

MANNY DEAD

Coke Fiend Took On a Little Too Much Dope.

Tuesday March 10

Manny Bean, a well known Vinita negro, was found dead this morning in his room at the home of Gus Williams on South First street. He was about 35 years of age.

Bean was noted in local police circles as a violator of various and sundry city and state laws, and only a few days ago was released from jail, he having competed a three months sentence which the court had thought to be a fit and proper punishment for the stealing of some carpenter tools from D. C. Boswell. Having been deprived of his coke and booze during his term of imprisonment, he went last evening to Homer Trott, one of the guards at the jail, and begged fifty cents, the guard supposing that he wished to use the money for a legitimate purpose.

It is now supposed, however, that he bought coke with the money, as he had a quantity of the stuff when he went to his room last night.

When discovered this morning, the muscles of his body were drawn and his features were distorted as if he had died in awful agony.

Bean's kin folks live in Grand river neighborhood.

The remains were taken to the rooms of Louis Rogers, the undertaker. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

At the coroner's inquest held this afternoon it was decided that Bean came to his death by an over dose of cocaine.

Tuesday, March 10

The Vinita Brick & Tile Co., met in the Commercial club rooms yesterday at 1 p. m., and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Burks, of Bentonville, Ark., Pres.; A. H. Watson, Vice Pres.; E. B. Fraser, 3rd and V. P. L. F. Smart, Sec.; J. W. Orr, Treas.; W. E. Mayes, Mgr.

Bylaws were adopted and arrangements were completed to start the plant to running permanently today at noon. After the meeting several of the officers drove out to the plant on a tour of inspection.

Wed. March 11.

E. N. Ratcliff is at Nowata attending court.

C. C. Roberts and C. H. Kushner drove to Bluejacket today on business.

Mrs. J. S. Morton returned to Wagoner last night after a visit here with her husband.

Marriage license were issued March 7 to John Chouteau and Mrs. Lula L. Baggett, both of Vinita.

Grayson Wills had two wagons here from White Oak today which he loaded with Hog wire to be used on his farm.

Nettie Yearout, who is here from Colorado visiting her father, W. R. Hendryx, is visiting Mrs. George Hendryx in the country this week.

C. H. Kushner, general western representative of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance company is here today on business with the Avery-Roberts Investment Company. He will spend about a week touring the country with C. C. Roberts.

SICK MEXICAN IS ASSAULTED

Beaten By a Switchman While On His Way to Sedalia Hospital

McAlester, Ok., March 10.—A brutal assault late Sunday night in the Katy yards in North McAlester by which a sick and defenseless Mexican was seriously if not fatally wounded by a switchman, may cause complications with Mexico as the matter was telegraphed the Mexican consul at St. Louis. The Mexican was on his way to the Katy hospital at Sedalia, Mo., and had a pass to his destination. While waiting for the train he lay down in the switch shanty. A switchman happened along and demanded \$1.00 from the Mexican for occupying the shanty. The Mexican had no money and was assaulted by the switchman with a "brake stick" and his skull fractured. The switchman was arrested.

Election at Sulphur

Sulphur, March 10.—Governor Haskell has issued a proclamation dividing the city of Sulphur into four wards and calling for an election to be held April 7.

C. A. Davis Dead

C. A. Davis, merchant and banker, of Chelsea died in Fayetteville, Ark., Sunday of appendicitis. Mr. Davis was one of the oldest business men in Chelsea and is well known by many Vinita people.

T. C. HOLLAND

Undertaker and Embalmer

BOTH PHONES NO. 144

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Opposite Postoffice.

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